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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant has reviewed the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on January 7, 2004. The Notice indicated that the claims of the amendment paper were not presented in ascending numerical order. In response to this Notice, Applicant has included corrected versions of the "IN THE CLAIMS" and "REMARKS" sections of the amendment paper mailed on December 1, 2003. This response also includes the appropriate fee necessary for obtaining an additional two-month extension of the period for responding to the Final Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 29, 2003 to January 29, 2004.



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REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant has included corrected versions of the "IN THE CLAIMS" and "REMARKS" sections of the amendment paper mailed on December 1, 2003. In the corrected "IN THE CLAIMS" section, Applicant has corrected non-ascending claim numbering and claim dependency numbering. In particular, the claims following newly added claim 33 have been renumbered in ascending order. For all the newly added claims, dependency numbering has also been corrected. Additionally, claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of claim 5, as claim 5 has been cancelled (appropriate comments have been added to the REMARKS section to indicate this amendment).

In the corrected "REMARKS" section, references to the claims have been revised to reflect the corrected claim numbering. For example, the remarks have been revised to indicate that new claims 32-38 have been added. Also, as noted above, a comment has been added to indicate that claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of cancelled claim 5.

The following two sections of this Response to Non-Compliant Amendment are the corrected "IN THE CLAIMS" and "REMARKS" sections described above.